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SUBJ: LOS-REQUEST FOR MINERAL DATA

REF: A. STATE 151291; B. KHARTOUM A-35, MAY 19

1. FOLLOWING ARE REQUESTED RESPONSES REGARDING SUDAN'S
OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION/RESOURCES, WITH OUR LETTERED REPLIES
CORRESPONDING TO NUMBERED INQUIRIES IN PARS 1 (I) REFTTEL:

(A) 0

(B) 0

(C) 0

(D) N.A. EXPLORATION OF POSSIBLE SUDANESE OIL AND GAS RESOURCES
IS NOT SUFFICIENTLY ADVANCED TO PROVIDE ANY ESTIMATE OF
RECOVERABLE RESOURCES. IT IS GENERALLY ACCEPTED THAT GAS
RESOURCES DO EXIST, WITH OIL IN MORE QUESTIONABLE CATEGORY.

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(F) 0

(G) AS OF 12/31/72 WE BELIEVE THAT ALL PREVIOUSLY ISSUED LICENSES HAD EXPIRED. DURING 1973 GOS HAS AWARDED CONCESSIONS TO FOUR FIRMS, BUT AS OF THIS DATE WE ARE NOT AWARE THAT ANY OF LICENSES HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN SIGNED. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION AS TO PRECISE LOCATIONS OF CONCESSIONS, IN PARTICULAR WHETHER THEY BEYOND 200 METER WATER DEPTH.

(H) NEG. ROMANIANS MADE SOME VERY PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIONS, BUT NOTHING WHICH COULD LEGITIMATELY BE CALLED EXPLORATION OF REEXPLOITATION TOOK PLACE IN 1972.

(I) IMPORTS - CRUDE - 389 MT; PETROLEUM PRODUCTS - 1,009,589MT EXPORTS - 0. NOTE ALMOST ALL IMPORTS ACTUALLY ARRIVE AT PORT SUDAN AS CRUDE AND ARE REFINED AT REFINERY THERE. GOS, HOWEVER, CALCULATES IMPORTS ONLY AFTER PRODUCTS LEAVE REFINERY.

2. RE MARINE PLACER DEPOSITS, SUDAN HAS NO WORKING DEPOSITS OF THIS VARIETY. ONLY KNOWN MINERAL POTENTIAL IN AREA IS HOT SEA BRINES LOCATED IN FAULT MIDDLE RED SEA. GOS HAS SIGNED AGREEMENT WITH FRG FIRM TO EXPLORE POTENTIAL THESE DEPOSITS, BUT IT STILL FAR TOO EARLY TO DETERMINE EXTENT OF RESERVES OR WHETHER THEY WILL BE ECONOMICALLY REALIZABLE IN NEAR FUTURE. FRITTS

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